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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JAMES WOOTEN PAGE ONE BYLINER NEW YORK TIMES TUESDAY MAY 31 HEADED "CARTER HINTS NEW TIE WITH CUBA, BUT CITES 'INTRUSION' IN AFRICA."

2. ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA., MAY 30 -- PRESIDENT CARTER SUGGESTED TODAY THAT THERE MIGHT SOON BE STRONGER TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA, BUT HE CITED THAT NATION'S MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA AND ITS POLITICAL PRISONERS AS CONTINUING IMPEDIMENTS.

3. MR. CARTER, WHO IS VACATIONING HERE ON THE GEORGIA COAST, ALSO HINTED THAT ANY FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH THE SOVIET PARTY LEADER, LEONID I. BREZHNEV, MIGHT
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DEPEND ON PROGRESS OF ARMS LIMITATIONS NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE AND ANDREI A. GROMYKO, THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. HIS COMMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY FOLLOWED AN AFFECTIONATE FAREWELL TO HIS WIFE, ROSALYNN, WHO DEPARTED WITH KAY VANCE, THE WIFE OF THE SECRETARY, FROM A

NEARBY NAVAL AIR STRIP ON A 12-DAY, SEVEN-NATION TOUR

OF CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

5. WHEN THE BIG AIR FORCE JET HAD DISAPPEARED INTO THE SOUTHERN SKIES, THE PRESIDENT TURNED TO REPORTERS AND, IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS, ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE FUTURE OF UNITED STATES AND CUBAN RELATIONS AND HIS MEETING WITH MR. BREZHNEV, INFORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER.

6. "WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY FIRM INDICATION YET THAT CASTRO WANTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH US," HE SAID, "BUT I THINK WE WILL HAVE INDICATIONS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS OF STRENGTHENED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA, FAR SHORT OF RECOGNITION."

7. NEVERTHELESS THE UNITED STATES "WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR CUBA TO REFRAIN FROM THIS INTRUSION INTO AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN A MILITARY WAY," THE PRESIDENT SAID, DETAILING THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS AND MILITARY ADVISERS SENT BY PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO TO ANGOLA, ETHIOPIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND "EIGHT OR 10 OTHER COUNTRIES."

8. SUCH INTERVENTION, HE SAID, "IS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CUBA CREATES."

9. MR. CARTER SAID ANOTHER "MAJOR CONCERN OF OURS IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBA -- UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN 15,000 AND 30,000."

10. LAST MONTH, THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON FISHING RIGHTS AS A RESULT OF THEIR FIRST FORMAL DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS IN 16 YEARS. LAST OCTOBER, PRESIDENT CASTRO DENOUNCED A 1973 ANTIHIJACKING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED FOR THE UNITED STATES BY THE SWISS, ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE SABOTAGE OF A CUBAN AIRLINE. BUT UNITED STATES OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT THE CUBANS HAVE INDICATED AN INTENTION OF ABIDING BY THE AGREEMENT, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ALLOWING IT TO LAPSE.

11. "I THINK WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN ABILITY TO WORK WITH CUBA ON THE FISHERIES AGREEMENT AND ALSO ON THE MARITIME AGREEMENT," MR. CARTER SAID TODAY. "WE HAVE SOME HOPES THAT THERE WILL BE OTHER SIMILAR KINDS OF SMALL STEPS TOWARD AN INCREASED ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE AND TO DISCUSS MUTUAL CONCERNS."

12. ASKED IF HE STILL HAD HOPES OF MEETING THE SOVIET

LEADER IN LATE SEPTEMBER THE PRESIDENT AT FIRST OFFERED THE OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE RESPONSE THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN EVEN A TENTATIVE DATE SCHEDULED FOR THEIR CONFERENCE.

13. APPARENTLY REALIZING THAT SOME OF HIS AIDES HAD ALREADY TALKED RATHER OPENLY OF A GENERAL DATE, HE SAID, "I THINK THAT WE CERTAINLY CAN KEEP THAT HOPE ALIVE WHEN WE SEE HOW GROMYKO AND VANCE GET ALONG AT THEIR NEXT MEETING."

14. THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED FRIDAY THAT THE TWO ENVOYS WOULD MEET AT LEAST TWICE MORE IN GENEVA BEFORE MID-SEPTEMBER.

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15. YESTERDAY ON FRENCH TELEVISION, MR. BREZHNEV CHARGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS SEEKING UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. AT THE NAVAL BASE TODAY, MR. CARTER RESPONDED TO MR. BREZHNEV'S COMMENT WITH A CHARACTERISTICALLY OPTIMISTIC APPRAISAL OF THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS.

16. "I THINK, COMPARED TO WHAT THE SOVIETS INDICATED IN MOSCOW, IT WAS A GREAT STEP FORWARD," MR. CARTER SAID. "WE FELT, FOR A CHANGE, THAT THEY GENUINELY WANTED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO AN AGREEMENT. THEY DIDN'T EXHIBIT THIS INCLINATION WHEN WE SENT CY VANCE TO MOSCOW."

17. THE PRESIDENT SUMMARIZED MAJOR POINTS OF CONTENTION IN THE TALKS AS MOSCOW'S INCREASING RELIANCE ON MULTIPLE WARHEAD MISSILES AND THE UNITED STATES' ABILITY TO DEPLOY LARGE NUMBERS OF CRUISE MISSILES SOON.

18. ALTHOUGH HE SAID THERE WAS NO CERTAINTY THAT THE NEXT CONVERSATIONS IN GENEVA MIGHT BE THE DECIDING FACTOR IN WHETHER HE AND MR. BREZHNEV GET TOGETHER THIS YEAR, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE GENEVA TALKS WOULD BE A MAJOR CONSIDERATION.

19. THE PRESIDENT, MRS. CARTER, AND THEIR BAREFOOT 9-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, AMY, WERE DRIVEN FROM A PLANTATION ON THIS RESORT ISLAND TO BRUNSWICK, GA., ON THE MAINLAND, FOR THE FIRST LADY'S DEPARTURE. MRS. VANCE AND MEMBERS OF MRS. CARTER'S STAFF HAD FLOWN FROM WASHINGTON EARLIER

IN THE DAY.

20. THE PRESIDENT CALLED HIS WIFE'S TRIP TO JAMAICA,

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PERU A "GESTURE OF GOOD WILL." BUT MOMENTS LATER MRS.
CARTER SAID SHE WANTED IT TO BE MORE THAN THAT.

21. "I WANTED IT TO BE VALUABLE TO THE COUNTRIES THAT
I WAS VISITING," SHE SAID, "AND THEREFORE, I HAVE
STUDIED."

22. THE PRESIDENT WENT ABOARD THE PLANE WITH HIS WIFE
THEN REAPPEARED AT THE DOORWAY WITH HER, NUZZLING HER
EAR AND GIVING HER A LENGTHY KISS BEFORE WALKING DOWN
THE STAIRS, HAND IN HAND WITH HIS DAUGHTER.

23. "I FEEL LONESOME ALREADY," HE SAID LATER. END
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